

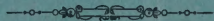
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REPORTS
OF THE
SELECTMEN,
AUDITORS,

AND OF THE
BOARD OF EDUCATION,

OF THE
TOWN OF BOOKLINE, N. H.,

FOR THE
YEAR ENDING MARCH 1st. 1885.



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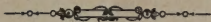
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SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

Whole amount of assessments chargeable to the
Treasurer, including State, County, Town, Dog,
Library, School and School District and

Highway Tax,	4 938 97	
Literary fund Money,	62 72	
Savings Bank Tax,	559 87	
Railroad Tax,	12 48	
Received for Hay, cut in South Cemetery,	2 00	
.. .. Grass on Kendall Shattuck place,	75	
Due from Hobart, Kendall and Co., rent of part of Town House,	10 00	
Due from Levi Gould & Son,	10 00	5 596 79
Orders drawn to pay incidental bills due previous to April 1, 1884 Paid,		
J. C. Hildreth, printing reports, 1883,	17 00	
.. .. Printing Town Orders,	3 00	
W. J. Rockwood, Watering place from Sept. 1, 1882 to March 1. 1884,	4 50	
A. & M. A. Rockwood for work on Highway in 1883,	1 69	
E. T. Hall & Co., Watering place to Apr. 1. '84,	3 00	
P. L. Pierce for work on Highway in 1883,	2 00	
A. A. Hall, returning Marriages, Births, and Deaths to Jan. 1, 1884,	3 00	34 19

SNOW BILLS.

Lot Colburn,	and cash paid others,	10 67	
R. G. Russell,		10 95	
E. S. Cleveland,		7 95	
I. F. Lund,		8 45	
J. A. Hall,		2 45	
E. T. Hall, & Co.,		4 65	
W. B. Rockwood,		5 50	
N. B. Hutchinson,		5 70	56 32

BILLS PAID SINCE APRIL 1, 1884.

EXPENDITURES FOR SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS,

Paid Board Education,	1349 50	
Literary Fund Money,	62 72	1 412 22

Order Collector Fessendon to pay the several
Districts for District property, as follows:

Paid Dis. No. 1	107 00	
.. .. 2	53 00	
.. .. 3	108 00	
.. .. 4	574 00	
.. .. 5	100 00	
.. .. 6	90 50	
.. .. 7	91 00	1 123 00
State Tax,	628 00	
County Tax,	457 18	
Trustees of Town Library,	150 00	

SUPPORT OF POOR.

S. Swett, Goods for Henry Bohonon Family	104 00	
K. A. Shattuck, rent for	45 00	
A. S. Wallace, Med. attend	17 75	
J. A. Hall, for Wood	5 62	
A. & M. A. Rockwood, Wood	10 50	
S. J. Thompson, Drawing	50	
William J. French, ...	6 50	
J. A. Hall, ...	12 87	202 74
A. S. Wallace, Med. attend Brisco family,	10 00	
S. Swett, Goods for	5 00	
.. .. J. F. Harwood,	5 48	
Imla M. Williams, Wood for J. F. Harwood,	1 50	21 98

EXPENSES OF FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Geo. W. Bridges, Engine men in full to Apr. 1, 1884,	130 00	
A. Seaver, services as Steward, to Apr. 1, '84,	10 00	
J. A. Hall, rent of Engine House,	25 00	165 00

HIGHWAY AND BRIDGES.

J. A. Hall, lumber for bridge near L. Baldwin,	12 40	
R. G. Russell, work and cash paid out	115 41	
.. ..	42 70	
I. F. Lund, ...	130 60	
.. ..	26 90	
W. Williams, ...	140 43	
Geo. Nye, ...	3 75	
Mrs. E. H. Rideout, for Gravel,	2 00	474 19

SNOW BILLS.

W. B. Rockwood, and cash paid others,	9 75	
E. A. Shattuck,	2 00	
Samuel Gilson, ...	11 18	
Amos Farnsworth, ...	17 70	
D. D. Rockwood, ...	2 75	
Wm. Wallace, ...	5 60	
F. F. Wright, ...	13 30	
I. F. Lund, ...	9 15	71 43

BURIAL OF THE DEAD.

J. A. Hall, burying 11 persons,	50 75
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SERVICES OF TOWN OFFICERS.

D. D. Rockwood, Selectman,	60 00	
A. W. Corey, ..	55 00	
I. F. Lund, ..	55 00	
A. A. Hall, Town Clerk,	25 00	
Wm. J. Smith, Town Treasurer,	20 00	
D. S. Fessendon, Collector of Taxes 1884,	75 00	
Messrs, Hall, Tucker and Corey, Auditors	4 00	
F. H. Jennis, Supervisor,	20 00	
D. S. Fessendon, ..	20 00	
F. F. Wright, ..	20 00	354 00

ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

N. B. Hutchinson over tax in 1883-4	4 48	
Wm. Piersons, Pole Tax 1882,	95	
Geo. W. Ball, ...	95	
D. A. Roberson, ...	2 19	
Clarence Russell, ... 1883,	1 00	
Fred Russell, ...	1 00	
William Russell, ...	1 00	
Herman Nye, ...	1 00	
Alfred Elliott, ...	2 15	
G. J. Huff, Over tax, 1884,	4 00	
Charles B. Kendall, Poll tax ..	1 46	
D. E. Herrick, ...	1 17	21 35

INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.

D. D. Rockwood, chairman on South Cemetery,	10 31
Lot Colburn, Watering place,	3 00

D. D. Rockwood, time and cash paid out for school affairs,	8 90	
D. D. Rockwood cash paid for Treasurer receipts, Blank Book etc,	1 62	
A. S. Wallace, certificates of Births and Deaths,	8 25	
A. A. Hall, returning Marriages, Births and Deaths to Jan. 1, 1885,	4 65	
S. J. Thompson, keeping tramps,	4 00	
Mrs. L. P. Peabody, Watering place,	3 00	
Samuel Swett, for nails,	36	
Mrs. E. H. Rideout, Watering place,	2 50	
J. H. S. Tucker, use Hall,	25 00	
Library, Selectmen's room and wood,	20 00	
J. A. Hall, housing Hearse,	8 00	
W. F. Rockwood, Oil, Chimneys, for Street Lamps,	10 65	
A. W. Corey, Stationery, tax book, time and cash paid out for school affairs,	8 50	
I. F. Lund, Time and Team on school affairs,	3 75	122 49

RECAPITULATION.

Last Annual Assessment,	4 938 97	
Literary Fund Money,	62 72	
Savings Bank Tax,	559 87	
Rail Road Tax,	12 48	
Received for Grass cut in South Cemetary,	2 00	
Received for grass cut on K. Shattuck place,	75	
Due from Hobart, Kendall & Co., rent of part of Town House,	10 00	
Due from Levi Gould & Son,	10 00	5 596 79
<i>Paid</i>		
Bills due April 1, 1884,	90 51	
For support of schools,	1 349 50	
Literary Fund money,	62 72	
For School District property,	1 123 50	
State Tax,	628 00	
County Tax,	457 18	
Trustees of Town Library,	150 00	
Support of Poor,	224 72	
Expenses of Fire Department,	165 00	
Repair of Highway and Bridges,	474 19	

Snow Bills,	71 43	
Burial of Dead,	50 75	
Services of Town Officers,	354 00	
Abatement of Taxes,	21 35	
Incidental Expenses,	122 49	\$5 345 34
Leaving a balance in favor of the Town of		251 45

DAVID D. ROCKWOOD,	} Selectmen of Brookline.
ALBERT W. COREY,	
ICHABOD F. LUND,	

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

W. J. Smith, as Treasurer, in account with the town of Brookline, for the year ending March 1, 1885.

Mr. Smith charges himself with cash and other effects received by him during the year, as follows, viz :—

Cash in Treasury at commencement of year,	1 122 01	
State Bonds,	3 600 00	
J. A. Hall's Note,	500 00	
Cash rec'd Interest on J. A. Hall's Note,	30 00	
.. .. State Bonds,	216 00	
.. Railroad Tax,	12 48	
.. Savings Bank,	559 87	
.. Literary Fund,	62 72	
.. Committee of South cemetery,	2 00	
.. of D. D. Rockwood for grass on		
.. K. Shattuck place,	75	
.. of Collector Rockwood, for 1883,	200 00	
.. .. Interest,	8 17	
.. .. Fessendon,	3 255 00	
.. .. Int. on same,	11 08	9 580 08

Mr. Smith credits himself as follows, viz :—

Cash paid State Tax,	628 00	
.. .. County Tax,	457 18	
.. .. Trustees of Library,	150 00	
.. .. for Schooling,	1 349 50	
.. .. Literary Fund,	62 72	
.. .. to Orders of Selectmen,	1574 44	
.. .. Order in favor of W. J. French,	8 81	
State Bonds in Treasury,	3 600 00	
J. A. Hall, note in Treasury,	500 00	
Checks, ...	429 14	
Cash, ...	820 29	9 580 08
Last Annual Assessment,		3 815 47
Amount paid in by collector Fessendon,	3 255 00	
Amount due from	560 47	3 815 47

We certify that we have examined Treasurer Smith's and Collector Fessendon's accounts and vouchers, and find them in all respects correct,

A. A. HALL,	}	Auditors.
E. C. TUCKER,		
C. N. COREY,		

Financial condition of the Town of Brookline, Mar. 1, 1885.

Cash now in Treasury,	820 29	
Checks, now in Treasury,	429 14	
State Bonds, ...	3 600 00	
J. A. Halls note, ...	500 00	
Due from Collector Fessendon,	560 47	
Int. to Mar. 1,'84,	14 01	5 923 91
Leaving a balance in favor of Town, of		5 923 91

A. A. HALL,	} Auditors.
E. C. TUCKER,	
C. N. COREY,	

REPORT

OF THE

BOARD OF EDUCATION.

A year ago the old district system of schools in our town was abolished and a Board of Education appointed. With a unanimity that was assuring in itself, the people declared their lack of confidence in the old method and a desire for a change.

A year of trial has been given to the present mode, and criticisms friendly and otherwise have been freely bestowed. Whatever way be the general verdict in the matter one thing ought to be borne in mind, namely—the lack of sufficient opportunity to give the system a proper test. When early in the year at a special meeting of the town a request was made for adequate and convenient school buildings, no action was legalized and the Committee were left to only one course of action. We were forced to make the most of the old school houses and seek for the best results possible from buildings poorly located for the economical expenditure. Of course under these circumstances only partial success could be expected. It was to some the repetition of the old story “few scholars and many schools.” We were able however to reduce the number of schools somewhat and during the year school houses Nos. 2 and 5 have remained closed and in No. 7 only two terms have been given.

Two difficulties have been increasingly emphasized this past year. One of them is the small number of scholars in the out district schools. We are still of the same opinion as ever in regard to the necessity of numbers in order to create the necessary interest or enthusiasm that any school must have in order to deserve the name.

It is a mistaken notion that many parents seem to have, that education can be measured off by the yard or imparted independent of association or conditions. You cannot order an education as you do a garment or an article of merchandise. “Comparisons are odious” and we would not seek to draw them, but we most heartily wish that any person who has the idea or belief that one teacher of one or two scholars is the best arrangement, could only take a day or week in visiting schools where

the scholars are classified or arranged with reference to a system in which one teacher manages, controls and teaches forty scholars and where there is less confusion and larger results attained in one day than will be ordinarily seen in many days under the small school idea.

The patrons of our schools are making a serious mistake when, on the plea of distance or trouble or indifference the massing of the pupils of our town is not insisted upon.

Could there be three or four schools properly located of a primary or primary and grammar grade combined in which all the pupils of a required age should be gathered, an interest and enthusiasm would be awakened beyond any thing we now suppose to be possible.

Another difficulty is the lack of grade or classification. Your Committee endeavored in the beginning of the year to prepare a schedule of studies that should tend towards a district classification, but the failure of the town to provide any building for the completion of such a system and the lack of material to back it up prevented any thing more than the mere attempt.

As the schools are and always have been, with possibly more glaring faults, there is and can be "little real supervision less inspection and of standard of scholarship and test of work, none but those the teacher has wit enough to supply."

We are well aware that some of the best minds of the country have been educated in schools just like these, and that some of the noblest powers have been aroused under such surroundings, but it is also true that the average of results in all rural and ungraded schools has been lamentably small.

It is not only possible to do away with this haphazard and desultory method, but it is possible to establish a system that in time will commend itself to well nigh universal favor.

Without in any way desiring to assume authority that does not belong to us your Committee, after consultation and examination, have resolved to present the following schedule or programme of studies, embracing a term of seven years and adapted to primary or District schools. This course of study is to be considered as preparatory to an advanced school to be located in the centre of the town or village in which a class of study naturally following the primary course could be pursued.

As this plan is not altogether original with us or untried by

others, it seems as if it must commend itself to every candid examiner.

FIRST SECTION.

Reading: First two books of series. Sight readings. Memorizing.

Spelling: Oral and written. Words from reading lessons and in common use.

Writing: on slate and board in connection with reading and spelling.

Numbers: Reading numbers to 1,000. Simple operations in the fundamental processes, written and oral. Roman notation.

Miscellaneous: Oral lessons daily. Home geography: Place, direction, the town, ship, and county, the globe. Language: Correct speech, correct forms, capitals, punctuation, &c.

The work of this section will cover an average period of about two years.

SECOND SECTION.

Reading: Third and fourth books of the series. Select readings and recitations.

Spelling: Oral and written. Words from reading lesson and spelling book.

Writing: Forms of letters, Copy books. Dictation—words and sentences.

Arithmetic: First book, completed. Fundamental processes, fractions, decimals, and compound numbers reviewed in advanced text book.

Geography: First book of series completed. Studies of maps and globes. Map drawing.

Language: Systematic oral lessons. Kinds of sentences. Parts of sentences.

Common errors corrected. Written work.

Miscellaneous: Oral lessons daily. History—anecdotes of familiar characters and events. Physiology—health. Other subjects.

The work of this section will occupy about three years of the course of an average pupil.

THIRD SECTION.

Reading: Fifth book of the series. Select readings. Recitations.

Spelling: Advanced spelling book.

Writing: Advanced copy book.

Arithmetic: Advanced text book completed. Business forms and methods.

Geography: Second book completed. Map drawing. Commercial geography.

United States History: Oral or text book, with special attention to the civil government of the United States.

Grammar: Text book completed. Letter writing. Composition. Paraphrasing.

The work of this section will cover an average of about two years in the ordinary ungraded school course.

In order to the fulfilment of some such plan as this, of which the above is only a brief outline, it will be necessary to make the number of schools as few as possible. To the accomplishment of this end your Committee would recommend the establishment of three or at the most four primary schools and a grammar or higher grade school, to which all the pupils who desire advanced studies may come.

We leave this matter to you, believing that as you have seen fit to commit the schools to our care, you will naturally give us the compliment of making their condition our study.

We do not wish to say very much with reference to our attempts at reform this past year.

The school buildings have been made habitable with as little expense as possible, teachers desks have been supplied with books, illustrative apparatus has been purchased to a small extent.

We can speak with great satisfaction with regard to most of the teachers who have been employed. There has been of course varying success according to the standards of judgement.

Our policy has been, even to our own discomfort and the loss of personal popularity, to use our best judgment in the selection of teachers, and upholding them in every just and reasonable law or rule.

On the whole we have met with a large hearted courtesy from the citizens and a disposition to abide by what seemed to be the largest good for the schools.

If we have erred it has not been from personal maliciousness, but a lack of knowledge, and for this, you, as a district must be responsible as far as the future is concerned, since upon your votes will depend the character of the one member who shall serve for the next three years.

In bringing this report to a conclusion we would take occasion to thank the citizens for their words of encouragement and the sympathy which has so fully been expressed in the welfare of our educational interests.

The report of the Treasurer and general statistics are herewith submitted.

Dist.	Scholars.	Boys.	Girls.	Av'ge att.	Weeks.
1	19	7	12	12	29
3	27	14	13	15	29
4	25	10	15	17	29
4	34	13	21	24	29
6	13	7	6	12	29
7	6	4	2	5	18

NAMES OF TEACHERS.

No. 1, Carrie Richardson.

No. 3, First term, Georgie E. Batchelder.

No. 3, Second term, Sadie B. Benson.

No. 3, Third term, Emma L. Swett.

No. 4, Grammar, Clara N. Mitchell.

No. 4, Primary, First term, Celia A. Hobart.

No. 4, Primary, Second and third term, Marion H. Robbe.

No. 6, First and second terms, Mary R. Thomas.

No. 6, Third term, Jennie A. Shattuck.

No. 7, Annie S. Keyes.

Report of the Treasurer of the Board of Education of the school district of Brookline, for the Year ending March, 1885.

A. S. Wallace, Treasurer in account with the School District Recd. Cash of Town Treasurer as per vote of last annual meeting

of town,	1 349 50	
.. .. . Treasurer Literary Fund,	62 72	1 412 22

Paid.

SALARIES OF TEACHERS.

No. 1,	193 50	
.. 3,	203 00	
.. 4, (Grammar,)	261 00	
.. 4, (Primary,)	217 50	
.. 6,	197 75	
.. 7,	108 00	1 180 75

FOR FUEL AND CARE OF SCHOOL HOUSES.

Wood,	22 89	
Cleaning School Houses,	6 00	
Care of	16 00	44 89

REPAIRS AND FIXTURES.

Blackboard and Writing supplies,	10 28	
Wm. P. Ware & Co. School Desk Books,	17 73	
Wm. Randall for Repairs,	2 31	
P. L. Pierce, ..	2 30	
Geo. W. Bridges,	7 86	
J. H. S. Tucker, school merchandise,	1 18	
E. T. Hall	1 42	
Joseph Shattuck, repairing pumps,	25	
Amos A. Gould,	7 76	
Geo. Ford, for clock,	1 50	
Samuel Swett, pail,	25	
F. C. Burt, for Dipper,	10	
F. D. Sargent, record books, etc.	3 75	
Mr. Burnham, mdse,	56	57 25
Total amount of cash paid for all purposes,		1 282 89
Cash in hands of Treasurer,		129 33

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Respectfully Submitted,

Alonzo S. Wallace, Treasurer.

I. hereby certify that I have examined and audited the foregoing accounts of the Treasurer of the school District of Brookline for the year ending March 1885, and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

W. F. Rockwood, Auditor.

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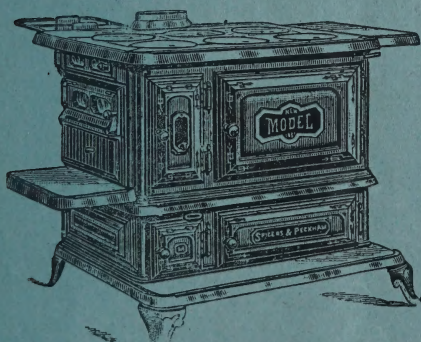
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